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SUBJECT: PRC AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

REF: A) GABORONE 1058; B) GABORONE 1098

1. CHAO CHENG-YI, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO BOTSWANA, PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT KHAMA ON AUGUST 28. CHAO IS RESIDENT IN GABORONE. IN HIS PRESENTATION SPEECH, HE STATED THAT BOTSWANA AND THE PRC ARE QUOTE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BELONGING TO THE THIRD WORLD UNQUOTE AND PRAISED BOTSWANA'S QUOTE GLORIOUS ADDITION OF COMBATTING IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM UNQUOTE. CHAO FURTHER STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PRC SUPPORTS BOTSWANA'S NON-ALIGNED POLICY, OPPOSITION TO IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, RACISM AND ZIONISM, AND SUPPORT FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (THESE STATEMENTS ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THEME OF SPEECH BY NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR DURING PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS) (REF A).

2. PRESIDENT KHAMA EMPHASIZED IN HIS RESPONSE THAT BOTSWANA HAS CHOSEN TO BE NON-ALIGNED BECAUSE QUOTE WE DO NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN BIG POWER POLITICS UNQUOTE. HE ALSO NOTED  
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THAT BOTSWANA IS QUOTE SURROUNDED BY COUNTRIES IN WHICH RACISM

HAS BEEN ELEVATED TO THE LEVEL OF GODMA. WE HAVE NEVER CEASED TO VOICE OUR OPPOSITION TO (THIS) INJUSTICE. WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS RECEIVED FROM THOSE WHO SHARE OUR CONCERN ABOUT THIS INTOLERABLE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD UNQUOTE.

3. ACCORDING TO THE SEPTEMBER 2 BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS, PRESIDENT KAHAMA TOUCHED ON THE PROBLEMS OF URBAN POPULATION GROWTH AND WHITE MINORITY RULE DURING "INFORMAL" CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR CHAO. IN WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN A BID FOR AID, KAHAM DESCRIBED THE GOB'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RURAL SCHOOLS, ROADS, HOUSING AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN ORDER TO STEM THE INFLUX INTO BOTSWANA'S CITIES. IN ADDITION, THE PRESIDENT REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT WHITE MINORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA COULD BE ENDED IF THE GOVERNMENTS ARE PREPARED TO TALK.

4. GOB PROTOCOL OFFICER HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE PRC MISSION HAS PURCHASED THE FORMER ROC EMBASSY TO SERVE AS CHAO'S RESIDENCE.

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